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Award honorees announced GW leaders to receive commencement recognition

BY MONIQUE L. HARDING
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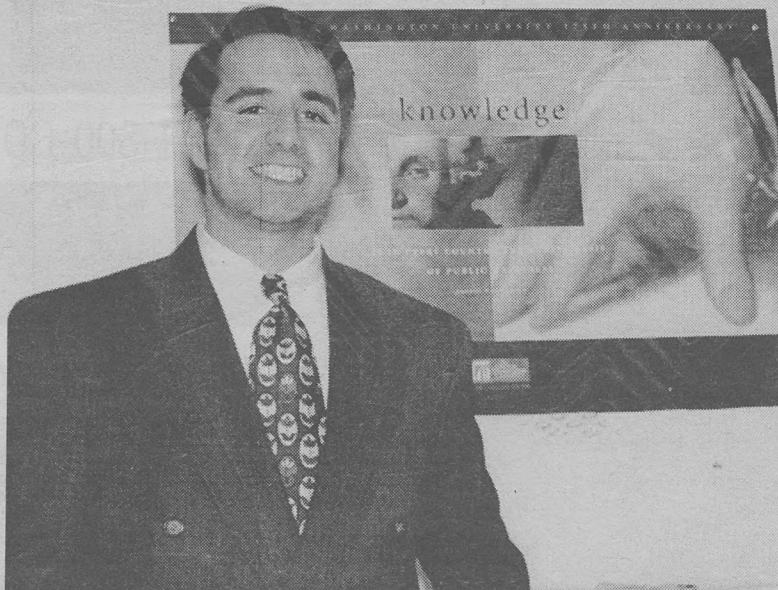
Honoring students, faculty and staff who have made lasting contributions to the University, the 20th annual GW Awards will be presented May 19 to Scott Mory, Jonathan Tarnow, Lorraine M. Bryant, George W.G. Stoner and Christopher Speron during commencement.

Senior Mory's accomplishments include membership in the Student Association, creating and implementing the University's Code of Academic Integrity and organizing the last two leadership conferences for more than 100 students, faculty and staff.

Mory said he is "thrilled ... it means a lot to be recognized by the (GW) community."

Linda Salamon, interim vice president for academic affairs, said of Mory, "In the time I've been at GW, no student has put in so much time and energy into improving conditions for students' experiences here. I know he is careful and meticulous. Few students put in the amount of time he does - intelligent time."

Third-year law student Tarnow is an undergraduate alumnus of GW. During his undergraduate career, Tarnow served as SA president, Resident Assistant in Thurston Hall and a Student Admissions Representative. As a law student, Tarnow has served as



Christopher Speron received the annual GW Award for planning GW's 175th Anniversary celebration.

chief judge of the SA Student Court, becoming the first student in GW history to lead both branches of the student government.

Tarnow said he has always tried to be active in the GW community. "I wanted to not just receive a degree from GW but to help others benefit from their experience; not just make my experience meaningful but to give back as much as I can to the (GW) community," Tarnow said.

As manager and senior advisor for the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences, Bryant has aided the academic development of undergraduates in CSAS since 1978. Bryant is also an undergraduate and graduate alumnus of the University.

"I care about the students, having been formerly an undergraduate. Maybe that's helped in my relationship to students' advising concerns," Bryant said.

Serving as special assistant to the executive director of enrollment management, Stoner has worked at the University for 36 years. Stoner recruited students both internationally and nationally as a former director of admissions and helped develop the STAR, PREP, Colonial Challenge and Alumni Admissions programs.

Finally, Speron is responsible for coordinating GW's 175th anniversary events through such



photo courtesy GW Law School
Chief Judge of the Student Court Jonathan Tarnow

GW gets guidance on off-campus life

BY ESTHER RACENSTEIN
HATCHET REPORTER

In an effort to bridge the gap between residents of Foggy Bottom and GW students living off campus, the Student Association sponsored the first ever Off-Campus Orientation Tuesday night.

More than 75 students attended, as did members of the Advisory Neighborhood Committee, the West End Committee and the Foggy Bottom Association.

Several hundred undergraduate students were left without housing this year after spots in GW residence halls were filled in the housing lottery last month. Many of those students are now looking elsewhere and local apartment buildings have been flooded with housing applications.

SA Director for Community Relations Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar, the organizer of the event, invited representatives from the Statesman apartment building, the Letterman House and Columbia Plaza to attend. Director of Off-Campus Housing Mark Gempler, a representative from the Green University, students who live off campus and University Police Sergeant Darrell Johnson also made presentations.

"Moving off campus is more than signing a lease," Golparvar said. All the speakers stressed the importance of students realizing the responsibility of moving off campus, and realizing they will be living with "non-students."

"We want respectful students ... if we have to call you for pot problems or noise problems, do not retaliate," said Joan Gustafson, from the Statesman. "Students are making a situation where older residents do not want them."

One local resident, who preferred to remain anonymous, said, "Our life has turned 180 degrees for the worse (due to student influence). A lot of

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Seniors prepare for real world

Career Center finds jobs; some opt for travel, graduate school

BY RACHEL JENSEN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

With the school year coming to a close and prospects for summer plans lurking, students all over the country are looking for internships and summer employment. The bigger picture for seniors, however, is the reality of life after college, and finding places in the work force.

The process of finding that perfect job is a long and tedious one. The initial work of creating a résumé is time-consuming, and that is just the beginning. Going through the entire process of finding a job and interviewing "until you are actually hired could take as long as nine months to a year," explained Marva Gumbs, director of career services at GW.

The reality of this process is difficult to face, "especially for those seniors who are still focused on their studies," Gumbs added. Seniors should not feel they are too late to get started on a comprehensive job search. "It's time to move forward," Gumbs said.

Many seniors are not facing the work force immediately, however. Further education and travel will detain many students briefly.

Carla Alunan is graduating from

GW this year with a degree in marketing. She has a paid internship at a telecommunications firm, where she works in the marketing research department. She plans to work for the firm following graduation until she finds something "more stable."

Alunan said she wants to go to graduate school but she said, "It's better to work a few years and then go to graduate school when I have some work experience."

Tonya Zorub is a senior double-majoring in pre-med and philosophy. Her plans after graduation include both travel and medical school. "I was admitted to GW medical school but I think I'm going to defer acceptance for one year," she said.

Zorub said she wants to study emergency medicine but wants to work for Club Med for a year first.

Senior Deanna Murshed is also interested in traveling. Murshed is a double major in English and fine arts. "I'm not sure how to apply my majors in the work force," she said. "Maybe I'll be a renaissance woman and live off the fat of the land, with a pen in one hand and a paintbrush in the other."

Finding the right job is often more difficult without direct help

from contacts or a professional service like the Career Center. "Eighty percent of the jobs out there are not well-publicized. At the Career Center we help you find the hidden jobs," Gumbs explained.

Liane Reid graduated last year with a degree in business and human resource management. Reid has been working for GW catering and dining services, but is leaving to take a public relations job in New York City with a corporate investment bank called NatWest Markets.

Reid said she did not use the resources provided by the GW Career Center. Instead, she relied on her connections and networking. Reid explained that she was happy to work in the Marvin Center "because that's really where I meet a lot of people."

"Eventually," Reid added, "I do want to go to graduate school."

"Understanding the nuances of the market is often confusing," Gumbs explained. It is difficult to find what jobs are out there, so the Career Center "helps a student become as structured (in his or her search) as possible," Gumbs said.

It is important for a job searcher to make themselves as visible as possible, Gumbs added.

The Career Center offers services free of charge to students up to six months prior to graduation.

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GW Greeks lobbying for more on-campus housing

Hoping to add more 'presence on campus,' Reshefsky and IFC hope to find more digs for Greeks

BY MICHELLE VON EUW
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Association are petitioning the University to provide housing for the increasing number of student members of Greek-letter organizations at GW.

The proposal calls for the University to make an effort to assist Greek-letter organizations to acquire central locations that can be used for housing, storing of ritual equipment and meeting places for each group. Their suggestions include apartment buildings, residence halls or row houses as the sites.

Only a few fraternities and no sororities now occupy on-campus houses. Three floors in Francis Scott Key Hall are reserved for members of fraternities and sororities. But Gary Reshefsky, president of the IFC, said that "demand (for such housing) has dropped" for next year, since many members have chosen to live off campus.

Housing is important to Greek-letter organizations because "it makes people aware of our presence on campus," he said. He added that the proposal would be "financially attractive" to the University because the fraternities and sororities will receive monetary support from their national chapters.

Reshefsky said he has received "nothing but support" from every student and administrator he has

spoken to about the plan. He said GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg met with him in the fall and expressed enthusiasm for the idea. The Student Association is also involved with the proposal. At last Tuesday's meeting, the SA Senate passed a resolution urging GW to pursue housing for members of the Greek-letter organizations.

Assistant Dean of Students Jan-Mitchell Sherrill said he, too, is "excited" about the prospect. "I think this sends a message to the Greek community that they really are a viable part of our campus," he said.

"The University has townhouses that they rent to regular students," Reshefsky said. "Why not rent them to Greeks?"

Reshefsky is a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi, which lost its lease last summer when the landlord who owned the property filed for bankruptcy. The house was eventually purchased by GW and is unoccupied.

Reshefsky pointed out that the former fraternity house does not fall within the borders of the University's campus plan, and therefore cannot be used by GW as anything other than residential facilities.

The largest problem is that the townhouses owned by the University are not large enough to house fraternities and sororities, Sherrill said. Many houses require serious renovations in order to be suitable for occupation.

In addition, while many members of the administration may wholeheartedly support the proposal, the decision ultimately rests with the Treasurer's office.

Reshefsky met with Associate Vice President for Business Affairs Al Ingle last week to discuss the

feasibility of the plan from a physical and economic standpoint. Ingle said it was too premature to discuss how realistic the Greek-letter organizations' proposal is.

He added that a task committee is being headed up by Ann Webster, the assistant vice president for stu-

dent and academic support services, and will include both administrators and students.

Webster also said it was too early to say what would eventually happen with the task force, except that any decisions made would be for fall 1997.

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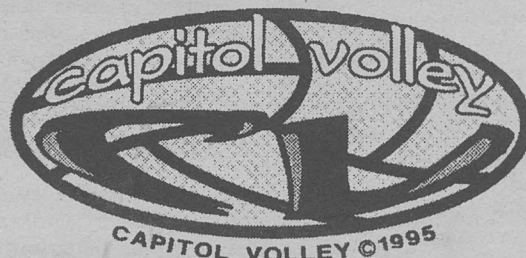


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Greeks in the house

For too long, GW's Greek-letter organizations have been treated as if they are not a viable part of the University community. That looks to change with the Interfraternity Council's and the Panhellenic Association's decision to petition for Greek-letter housing at GW. But in order to reach a solution beneficial to both Greeks and the overall campus, fraternities and sororities must be careful not to overestimate their prominence at GW.

We recognize and appreciate the desire for Greek-letter groups to have their own housing. A fraternity or sorority, after all, is not simply a student group serving one function but a combination of social club, charity and student special interest group. Having its own home base, then, would allow any Greek-letter organization to better serve itself and the University.

But let's face it - GW is in no way a Greek-dominated university. Fraternity and sorority members number approximately 800, comprising only 13 percent of the undergraduate student body. And while this year's rush showed a 25 percent increase in pledges, it's at this point a one-year trend. That is why we simply can't consider Greek housing to be a high priority for GW. Any real or perceived hopes for a grand fraternity row or other unnecessarily costly effort are a pipe dream.

Perhaps if a mandate was given to the University to recognize GW's Greeks we could expect differently. But since IFC President Gary Reshefsky admitted that interest in three Greek-letter floors in Francis Scott Key Hall has dropped, it proves that fraternity and sorority members' interests as regular students override their interests as Greeks.

GW's fraternities and sororities have the right to mount an effort to buy and, if necessary, renovate existing properties such as area townhouses or apartments to serve as their own housing. While the cost to the University will be lessened by support from national Greek-letter chapters, this will not come free for GW. Ultimately, the time and cost devoted by the University to support such an effort must be proportional to the actual influence which Greeks have on the overall community.

The right to die

It's easy, in comparison to the complex questions concerning euthanasia, for us to support the overturning of a New York law outlawing physician-assisted suicide Tuesday. We believe it is not the government's right to ban anyone's decision to cut short a painful, terminal illness. We fully support the decision by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that terminally ill people have the same right to end their lives by taking drugs as they do by refusing life support.

Next comes the hard part.

That likely will be faced by the Supreme Court by the end of the year. The court will have to address not only the decision itself, but the full consequences of the right-to-die debate. And even should the Supreme Court uphold Tuesday's decision, it still must face a particularly wrenching question: If precedent is given to make way for legally assisted suicide, where is the line drawn?

Obviously, any law legalizing physician-assisted suicide will require that those who choose to exercise it must be terminally ill and must exhibit mental competency. But who is fit to decide who is fit to exercise this right? And conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease - which cannot be definitively diagnosed until after the death of a patient - and severe paralysis will surely test the gray areas of definitions of terminal illness.

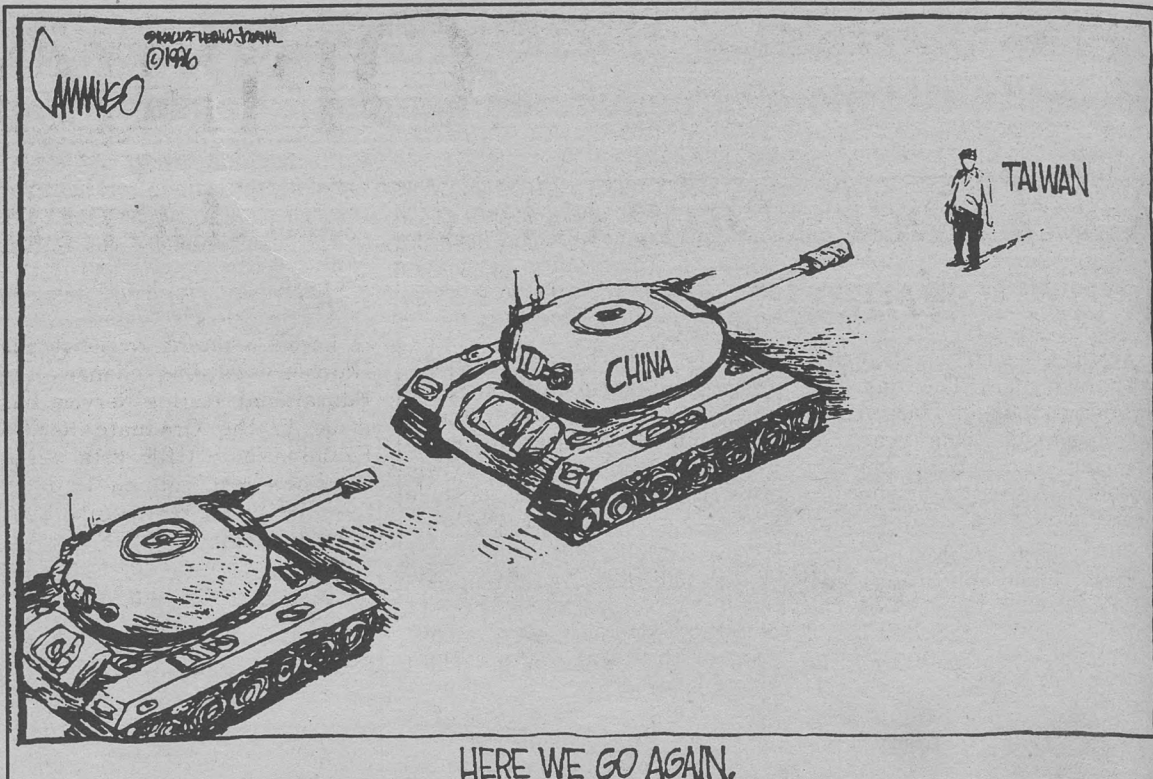
The easy choice would be for the Supreme Court to rule solely on Tuesday's decision. But it simply cannot - legal challenges to such laws will continue. The lives of thousands will literally hang in the balance with their decision.

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China's intimidation of Taiwan could be shape of things to come

Could China be the next Soviet Union? Could the United States find itself in another Cold War with the next world superpower?

It's quite possible. China is everything the Soviet Union once was - egotistical, oppressive, potent, nuclear-ready, confrontational and big. Get ready to be scared, very scared, if this Asian superpower evolves into its full potential as a totalitarian bully.

Last week, China tried to put a scare in one of its neighbors, Taiwan. Taiwan was holding democratic elections to select its president, but China wanted its smaller neighbor to live under its reign and not its own. The Chinese military showed its strength in areas close enough to Taiwan to scare its citizens into thinking twice about who to vote for - a democratically-minded leader or one who pays a great deal of heed to the Chinese government.

Luckily for the democratic countries around the world, Taiwan was scared into voting democratically, reaffirming its desire to remain an independent country.

This remote incident of the Chinese attempting to demonstrate their power to a neighbor raises old questions about the centuries-old country. Who is in charge? How much power does the military have? Is the nation a nuclear threat? Would it use nuclear weapons? The infinite list of unanswered questions continues relentlessly.

It is certainly a far cry to suggest that this country, struggling to emerge as an even greater econom-

ic and military power, could become another Soviet empire. Or is it? It may not happen in the same way - it may not take a world war to thrust China into the depths of a Cold War.

It may take very little - perhaps simply the confirmed death of the 90-year-old-plus leader Deng Xiaoping. The western world does not even know

The Bottom Line



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whether this man is alive or not. Should he die - which is imminent - a new, hard-line leader may emerge whose objective is to demonstrate to the world just how powerful China is by taking over weaker neighbors by force and then turning to challenge the superpower of superpowers, the United States.

I have no doubt this could happen. China has all the necessary resources to make this possible, with the exception of one. No one has determined whether or not the Chinese military is competent or not. One would assume that such a large country would surely have the resources necessary to train a competent military. Then again, the world thought that of Russia (in Chechnya) and Iraq, and both proved themselves to be nothing more than bungling clowns walking to their deaths.

We, of course, will always remember Tiananmen Square and the Chinese government's efforts to suppress even the most peaceful demonstration. The incident was not even about the idea of democracy as we know it - it was about student issues at a university and not a protest for an entire government reform to shadow the United States.

We also see, continuously, the callous ability of the Chinese government to tolerate its human rights problem. The Chinese government seemingly condones such abhorrent behavior as slave-labor and environmental chaos. Both of these problems threaten the lives of its citizens and of future generations, yet the government does nothing, allowing cited violations of human rights and environmental abuses to continue.

There is no doubt the Chinese are a threat to the peace-loving world. It may not be a desire on the part of the Chinese to engage in another Cold War or in the accession of neighboring lands. The threat may simply lie in the willingness of the Chinese to sell their nuclear capability to any country which is willing and able to pay the highest price.

This is threat enough to both the United States and to the rest of the world. Before a Chinese nuclear weapon could end up being sold to a country, which sells it to another country, which sells it to a terrorist group which blows up the small eastern United States city of Washington. And that would be the bottom line - beware of China.

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OPINION

April Fool's Day: GW's yearly time to lighten up

Another April Fool's Day has come and gone. The day has always been a fun and bizarre day for journalists. This year, for example, Taco Bell bogusly announced it was purchasing the Liberty Bell from the U.S. government to help finance the national debt.

Jim Geraghty

And, of course, there was another April 1 edition of The Hatchet. The issue provides the editors a chance to give the GW community a few laughs about the news of the past year. Headlines like "GW cuts costs, gives cable; students bitch," "Storm forces GW to cancel year" and "Without Walls, school ceiling collapses; shit" quickly tell our readers this is not real news and is all in ludicrous, not malicious, fun. No personal strikes or hurt feelings are intended.

We poked fun at the administration, the students, off-campus eateries, the faculty, Trachtenburgers, the news and ourselves. Some editor, for example, believes I'm a man of Slim Hilaraghty and that I spout opinions. Go figure.

Of course, as is another yearly

tradition, some members of the GW community didn't appreciate our annual foray into humor. Although most students lampooned in the issue perceived their mention as a recognition of their newsmaker status, some students thought the articles were personal attacks and in bad taste. And

one person was motivated enough to pelt The Hatchet offices with eggs. Scrambled is fine, but next time we prefer sunny-side up.

If the issue bothered someone enough for them to pelt breakfast food at our office, that's their prerogative. But first, hear us out.

We have a pretty serious-minded campus. Every student has some worry or problem with housing, dining services, term papers, roommates, internships, relationships, politics ... the world has enough to worry about. Is there anything so wrong with taking one day out of the year to laugh at it all?

To paraphrase Rodney King, can't we all just lighten up?

-Jim Geraghty is the sports editor of The GW Hatchet

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GRE update

I read a recent article in the Hatchet regarding changes the Educational Testing Service has made in the Graduate Record Examination ("GRE gets wired with new test," March 7, p. 7). Specifically, I'm referring to ETS' decision to offer the GRE only via the computer until the Dec. 14th pencil-and-paper administration of the test.

The good news is that ETS has reinstated the pencil-and-paper GRE in October. The test date is Oct. 12, 1996. I recommend that students who are applying to graduate schools this fall so as to matriculate in the fall of 1997 take the Oct. 12th exam.

One additional note: If a student takes the GRE Computer Adaptive Test, he or she must wait six months before taking the GRE CAT a second time. If, however, a pencil-and-paper administration falls during the six-month

waiting period, a student may take the pencil-and-paper test.

-Nichole Shumanis, graduate programs manager, Kaplan Educational Centers

Still fresh

In the March 28 issue of the Hatchet, a freshman expressed concern about a condom he found in what he called his "Spring Break Fun Pack" ("Condomnation," p. 5). He noted that the condom expired in March of 1993.

I assume that Mr. Paul de Quenoy is referring to the condom that he found in his "Spring Break Survival Kit." The LifeStyles condoms bearing lot number 504009000 have an expiration date of March 1999, not March 1993. Perhaps the nine looks more like a three when stamped on the foil packet.

-Susan Haney, outreach coordinator, Student Health Services

Off the mark

This is in response to your "ErrorMark, Pt. II" editorial in the March 11 issue of the Hatchet (p. 4). The success of any organization begins with open communication. The hours of operation at J Street are flexible and can be modified to address special events in the Marvin Center scheduled by University sponsored groups.

Unfortunately, in both the examples mentioned in your article, GW Dining Services was not informed in advance of these scheduled events. Had we been asked in advance to extend our service hours to accommodate the televised basketball game or the Student Association's election results we would gladly have accommodated the request.

-Nancy M. Haaga, director, Auxiliary and Institutional Support Services



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BY TARA TAMARIBUCHI
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Uniting women through cyberspace and using the Internet as a counseling tool were the topics of two lectures sponsored by the School of Media and Public Affairs. More than 50 people attended the

lectures Tuesday night at Hillel.

Linda Tarr-Whelan of the Center for Policy Alternatives, an agency pushing for an increase of women in leadership positions, said one of the center's goals is to allow women and men equal partnership in cyberspace.

Also the U.S. diplomat to the

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, Tarr-Whelan said in order to fulfill this goal there should be both an increase of female leaders in telecommunications and expanded Internet access to reach all people of the world, especially people aged 20 and younger.

Women lack time to communicate on the Internet, since many are responsible for maintaining households and holding another job, she said. Money is another roadblock to women entering the information superhighway, Tarr-Whelan said. She cited a study which discovered that over a 40-year period, male college graduates will make \$400,000 more than female college graduates.

She mentioned that in the past, men dominated the Internet. The number of women becoming involved is rising, and findings show women want their own virtual communities, Tarr-Whelan said.

Theresa Senft, head of the Lambda Forum on Echo Communications, a New York-based on-line service, said founder Stacy Horn created it as a virtual community women could relate to.

Giving examples of how the Internet has educated and counseled women, Tarr-Whelan mentioned that Arizona set up four Internet forums to discuss domestic violence.

Heads of government, law

enforcement officers, battered women and other concerned citizens discussed the problem and wrote about how they could resolve it.

The innovative idea to place electronic kiosks in grocery stores which give information about domestic violence came from the four forums.

Through a personal story, Senft explained that the Internet can be used not only as a communications tool but can be used as a counseling tool, since "it's all about writing."

Senft, also an editor of the feminist journal Women and Performance, said she stayed with her dying mother and lost contact with friends she could talk with about her feelings.

Finding emotional refuge on the Internet, she was able to freely write about the pain of losing her mother and was able to cope with her loss.

Senft also explained that virtual communities are designed to talk about the issues and not exclude people from issues.

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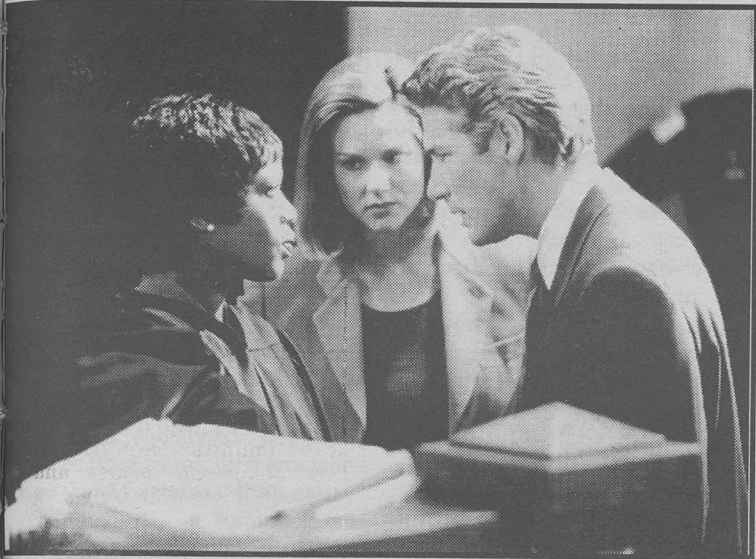
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Defense Attorney Martin Vail (Richard Gere) confers with Judge Miriam Shoat (Alfre Woodard, left) and prosecutor Janet Venable (Laura Linney) during an intense courtroom battle in *Primal Fear*.

Stunning *Primal Fear* renews Gere

BY TRYG OLSEN
WEEKEND WRITER

Okay, I think you need to sit down for this. Remember Richard Gere? The guy from *Pretty Woman*? Remember all those horrible movies he made after *Pretty Woman*? Richard and Cindy Crawford? Richard and the Tibetan monks? Well, guess what: Richard Gere just made a pretty good movie.

Hatchet Rating:



In *Primal Fear* (Paramount Pictures), Gere plays Chicago's slick bad-boy defense attorney Martin Vail. Vail makes a career chasing the headlines and defending the Windy City's worst criminals; he also wins every case he defends.

After winning a civil suit for a million dollars on behalf of mobster Joey (See *PSYCHOLOGICAL*, p. 2)

Lawrence crosses over that Thin Line

BY JENNA HELWIG
WEEKEND WRITER

Am I a comedy? Am I a thriller? *A Thin Line Between Love and Hate* (New Line Cinema) must be asking itself these questions. Billed as a comedy-thriller, Martin Lawrence's new film isn't much of either as it appears to suffer from an identity crisis.

Lawrence, who also co-wrote, produced and directed the film, plays Darnell, a ladies' man with so many "honeys" he can hardly keep track of them all. He's moving up in the management ranks at the popular Chocolate Club, drives a sleek car and has a best friend (played by Bobby Brown) just uncool enough to make Darnell look hot.

Hatchet Rating:



A quasi-male bonding movie, the men in the film sit around drinking, discussing how women are impossible to please, how imperative it is never to get attached and what an awful thing it is to say "I love you." What power those three words give women! What lowly slugs they turn men into!

Outside the Chocolate Club, Darnell spies his next conquest, the cool-as-ice Brandi Web (Lynn Whitfield of *The Josephine Baker Story*). She rejects Darnell time and time again, only to melt under the charm of his boyish (or immature, depending on one's perspective) sense of humor. They go to cocktail parties and sophisticated restaurants, but only after he utters the magic words "I love you" will she sleep with him.

While in bed together, Brandi reveals she killed her first husband. After that, Darnell realizes he really loves his childhood friend Mia, played by Regina King (Brenda from TV's "227"). From this point on, the movie transforms itself from a passable comedy to a cheap *Fatal Attraction* rip-off.

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Colonnade Gallery to show senior's work

BY MICHELLE VON EUW
WEEKEND EDITOR

GW senior Emily Willis spent the spring semester of her junior year in Madagascar, photographing the people who live close to the rain forest.

This Friday, GW's Colonnade Gallery will open an exhibit displaying approximately 30 of Willis' photographs and text describing the people of the rain forest, serving as a "window" into their world. The exhibit is a portion of Willis' senior honors project.

On April 11, the gallery will host a presentation of Willis' work. She will talk about her experiences and share slides; food and music of Madagascar will accompany the presentation. Willis' senior thesis, which is about the people of Zahamena, has been printed and will be available at the gallery.

Willis, an international affairs major, spent four months of her junior year studying in Madagascar. She was contracted by Conservation International to take photographs of Zahamena, the region surrounding the rain forest, for the organization's calendar.

Willis explains how she met the organization's CEO in Wyoming the year before she left the United States and discussed doing research for him once she was in Madagascar.

"When they found out I was a photographer, they asked me to take pictures," she said. She explained that the region is "so far out of the way" that the organization had no previous photographs.

She spent 11 days living in the outskirts of the rain forest, in Zahamena, living and speaking with it people.

She spoke of the fear many of the people had when they first met her. "Many of them had never seen a white woman before, certainly not in the rain



Senior international affairs major Emily Willis in Madagascar. courtesy Emily Willis ▲

forest," she said.

She told how she arrived in one village and the first person to approach her was a little girl. Other children soon followed, then their mothers. Soon Willis was helping the women prepare rice.

"It was very interesting, getting them to open up." She added that the experience was "beyond amazing."

Willis communicated through a translator who accompanied her and another American student, and used her intermediate-level knowledge of French when speaking with the tribal presidents.

"The most important thing I learned," she said, "is that even in the middle of nowhere, people still experience the same feelings, the same fear and excitement."

The prints she took for Conservation International are the basis for the Colonnade Gallery's exhibit. The photographs are both

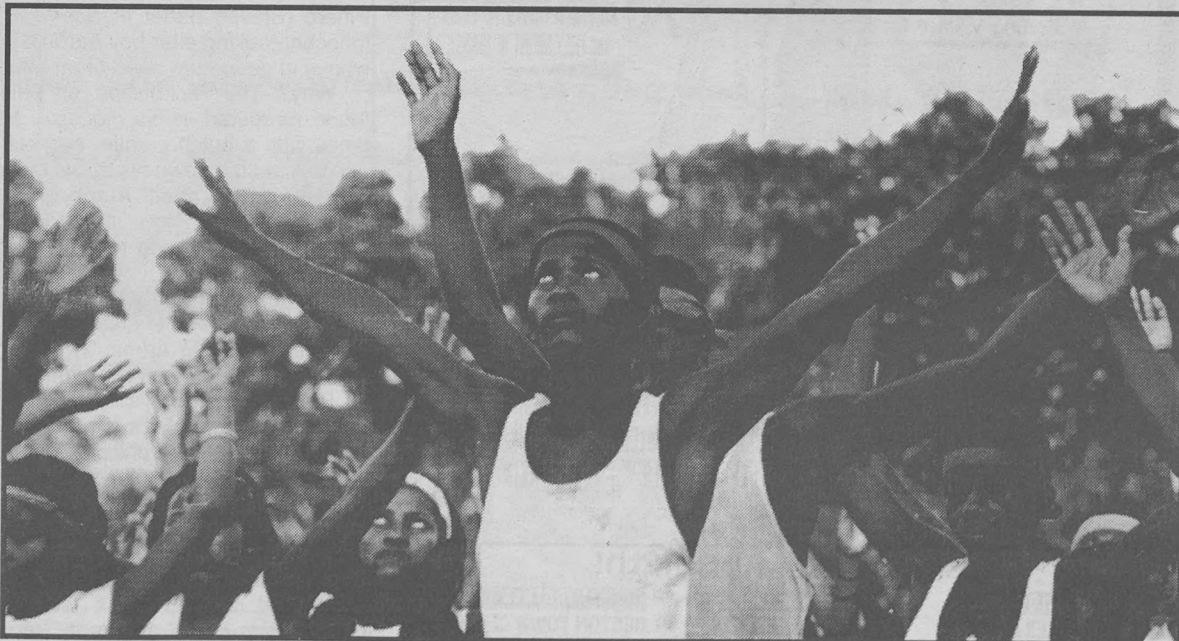
color and black and white.

Willis describes the series as "very simple. It demands that the viewer walk through photo by photo." Each picture will be accompanied by carefully selected text, chosen from proverbs, and each will follow a theme.

"It will open up slowly," Willis said of the exhibit, comparing it to a "window" into the lives of the people captured on film. She added that the display poses a question that each viewer must find for himself or herself.

"An exhibit is what the audience gets out of it," she said.

She said that she has spent most of the past year working on the exhibit. Willis first had to write a proposal describing her work before the gallery could approve it. She was sponsored by the Office of Enrollment Management, whom she says has been "wonderful" in helping her prepare for the event.



The people of Zahamena perform a ritual dance of their culture. courtesy Emily Willis ▲



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Russell may be Flirting With Disaster in new film

BY NIKI MEZLO
WEEKEND WRITER

Writer/director David O. Russell may have won acclaim for his first film *Spanking the Monkey*, but he should have stopped there. His latest creation, *Flirting With Disaster* (Miramax) is just that — a disaster.

Russell said in an interview last week that he wanted to "go to a bigger world" by setting the film in a variety of places and creating a comedy that would not telegraph what would happen next, but his high aspirations are unmet.

The movie deals with relationships, both familial and otherwise. The kaleidoscopic cast Russell enlisted, ranging from Ben Stiller to Lilly Tomlin, has the ability to lend a great deal to the film. Unfortunately, his script greatly confines their range.

The characters are static, not going deeper than their first impressions or relating well to each other. They each act in their own spheres and as a result the closeness that is needed to make the movie work is absent.

Stiller plays Mel Coplin. He is happily married to Nancy (Patricia Arquette) and has recently become a father. Unfortunately, he feels that something in his life is missing. The adopted Mel decides his biological parents are the key to his emptiness and commits himself to finding them.

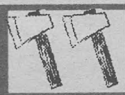
Russell said he drew from his own experiences with marriage and fatherhood and his adopted sister's attempts to find her biological family to write the film.

In the film, Mel enlists the help of Tina Kalb (Téa Leoni from ABC's

"The Naked Truth"), a sexy psychologist from the agency where he was adopted, to help in his search. Together with Nancy and the baby, they set out on a cross-country quest for the perfect family tree. But along the way, they get caught on a few branches.

The first attempt at finding Mel's family fails. The group then heads for Michigan to pursue another lead. The greasy, burly truck driver named Fritz Boudreau they find turns out not to be Mel's father, but says he knows Mel's real mother.

Hatchet Rating:



Before the group can follow the tip out of Michigan, they have to get out of some trouble. After crashing into a post office, Mel, Nancy and Tina are arrested. Their case is placed in the hands of Paul (Richard Jenkins) and Tony (Josh Brolin), two Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents. While Mel and Tina are obviously flirting, Nancy turns to Tony for attention and revenge against her distracted husband.

Unbeknownst to Mel, Nancy invites Paul and Tony to join them on the search. Using Fritz's information, the six mismatched travelers end up in New Mexico.

Mel's quest ends at the quaint home of the Richard and Mary Schlichtings, played by Lilly Tomlin and Alan Alda. Richard and Mary appear to be the perfect parents as they greet their long lost son with open arms. Mel's real parents turn out to be avid artists, which is fine

with him, and avid users of LSD — not exactly a parental activity.

Downstairs, the conversation centers around the Schlichtings' adventures in tripping, while upstairs Tony and Nancy are doing everything but stumbling. Mel and Tina get a little involved in the horizontal mambo themselves.

From the film, it's obvious that Russell enjoys shock value. "To come up with something original, you need to expose something embarrassing," he said. The film is original, but it would have been just as authentic without the free talk about oral sex, conditions of the male anatomy and scenes such as the one where Tony seduces Nancy by licking her armpit.

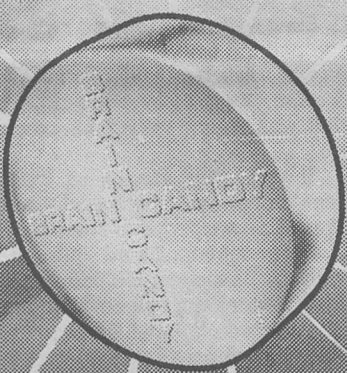
While amusing, these moments serve no purpose in the film other than to repulse the audience. They overshadow the true theme of the story and turn a promising idea into a tasteless film.

To further complicate matters in the film, Paul has been mistakenly given some LSD and has flashed his badge. The Schlichtings decide Mel is not really their son, but rather a narcotics agent, and they flee the house.

As they are packing up into the back of Mel's car, Mel's parents drop by to spy on their son. From there, a knotted mess gets even more tangled.

It's not worth the admission fee to see it get straightened out, though. *Flirting With Disaster* is such a disappointing movie that it may be able to suck the success out of Russell's career. Maybe he should begin "flirting" with another job.

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Psychological courtroom drama captures audience

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Pinero (Steven Bauer of *Scarface*), Vail chases after innocent-looking altar boy Aaron Stampler (Ed Norton), who is in desperate need of an attorney.

Why? The Archbishop of Chicago was recently found murdered in his mansion. He was stabbed 78 times with a butcher knife, had his fingers cut off, his genitals stuffed down his throat and reference numbers carved into his head. Aaron is caught in the woods behind the mansion, covered in blood with the Archbishop's holy ring in his pocket. Open and shut, guilty as sin, right?

Wrong. Enter Marty Vail. Vail creates his own truth and spins his webs to create what he calls the "illusion of truth" to acquit Aaron. There are, however, some ghosts from Vail's past standing in his way.

Prosecuting Aaron's case is Janet Venable (Laura Linney of *Congo*), Vail's former understudy and lover in the District Attorney's office. Pulling Venable's strings is John Schaughnessy, played by John Mahoney (NBC's "Frasier"), Vail's former boss and his own mentor.

Both characters play strong nemeses to Vail as the trial begins and start to crack Vail's illusion of truth, as well as his quest to win at all costs.

Vail, of course, has a few tricks up his sleeve. Helping him is his assistant, Naomi Chance (Maura Tierney from NBC's "Newsradio"), who uncovers a major renovation plan the Archbishop was involved with

that lost millions of dollars for Schaughnessy.

Andre Braugher from NBC's "Homicide: Life on the Street" plays Tommy Goodman, Vail's newest assistant, who investigates Aaron on behalf of the defense. What he uncovers is mind-boggling. Aaron is examined by Dr. Molly Arrington (Frances McDormand from *Fargo*), who determines Aaron's psychological problems and first meets the Archbishop's killer.

When Vail and Venable lock horns in court, they are separated by Judge Miriam Shoat, who is played by Alfre Woodard (*Passion Fish*). Shoat is a crabby, agitated woman who takes her bourbon into court with her. Woodard plays Shoat with a certain aloofness and anger that makes her both funny and awesome to watch.

Primal Fear is made into an excellent movie by its actors' performances. It runs the gambit of psychology and court drama to its jaw-dropping ending. Gere is funny, scary and dramatic all in the course of two hours.

Composer James Newton Howard's score is heavily laden with a solo saxophone, which fits perfectly with the mood of the movie. Howard paints a blue wash over the film, making it taut and emotionally wrenching.

Primal Fear is just what it promises: primal fear. Aaron's case, as well as Aaron's mind, will scare you as it drags you through an emotional wringer along with the characters.

And yes, Richard Gere can finally be considered a good actor again, and not just another American Gigolo.

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Bar: Tom Tom
Where: 2333 18th St., N.W. Beware that the line to get into Club Heaven and Hell next door may be blocking the entrance.
Crowd: Stylish adults, young and old alike.
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Prices: You'll pay \$3 for a pint of Miller Lite, but the \$3.75 you'll pay for a pint of Guinness averages it out. And if you can't narrow your pick from the draft board to one, order the sampler of four quarter-pints for \$5.
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Minuses: You may have to wait for a table, but in the warmer months Tom Tom accommodates the crowds with a terrace deck and front patio in addition to the two floors inside.

It finally stopped snowing and warmed up enough on a weekend for the Bar Belle to convince one of her gentleman friends to take a stroll up to Adams Morgan. And what a delight! Once you break away from the monotony of the Foggy Bottom bars where you see the same people you see in class every day, you'll never want to go back.

Tom Tom attracts mostly twentysomethings. It's the kind of crowd that looks dressed up in jeans, but there will be a few little black dresses in the bunch. Most stay for hours, but if you're looking for another place to go, consult the chalkboards on one wall for listings of local cultural events.

Adams Morgan is one of the select few places in D.C. where it's still lively after 10 p.m. Tom Tom might just be the center of all that liveliness, offering the best of 18th Street in terms of incredible flavors and unique personalities. It manages to be less pretentious than other nearby clubs like Felix or Cities, and at the same time trendy and fun.

The proliferation of bars in the area forces each one to try to be different from the rest. Sure, Tom Tom has 14 beers on tap, but it's the food that keeps people coming back. The menu overflows with mouth-watering descriptions of brick-oven pizzas, salads, pastas and desserts. You'll probably never have thought to put together some of the ingredient combinations they did, like the spinach, Greek olives and shrimp on the Salvador Dali pizza, but the taste will win you over.

The delicious tapas served freddi o caldi (that's cold or hot) are the main attraction, however. Calamari, roasted vegetables, artichoke hearts and roasted peppers are just a few of the choices. The glass full of forks and pile of napkins on each table are to encourage people to order several tapas and share, either with the friends you came with or the new ones you've made.

Thin plot weighs down *Thin Line*

(from p. 1)

While nothing unpredictable happens in *A Thin Line Between Love and Hate*, many unlikely and implausible things do occur. The biggest puzzle concerns the characters' motivations. Why does Brandi want Darnell? She's rich, beautiful, intelligent and classy. Why does Darnell want Mia? She's bland and childish.

The script itself is rife with clichés. After going horseback riding, Brandi says to Darnell, "Horses don't disappoint you. People disappoint you." The words hover outside of reality and in Lawrence's head: he knows what he wants the characters to say, but doesn't manage to write realistic dialogue.

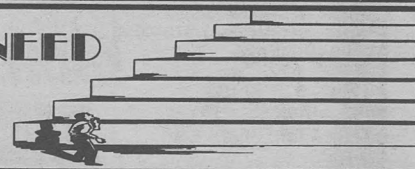
A Thin Line Between Love and Hate tries to take a moral high-ground. Ostensibly, the lesson to be learned is never say "I love you" unless you mean it, as the trouble Darnell gets himself into illustrates. At the end of the film he says, "I stopped trying to be a man and became a man."

These trite morals seem completely separate from the character's actions in the film. While Darnell decides to settle down with one woman, the relationship is so unbelievable as to make his moral awakening null and void.

The brightest spot of the overly plastic film is Lynn Whitfield. She looks ravishing and vamps it up morphing from angel to hellion. However, Whitfield could have had more fun playing her role. She was restrained as Brandi, admittedly, in a crazy way, but she could have exploded as a deliciously psychotic femme fatale. Still, Whitfield deserves a better film than this in which to shine.

Martin Lawrence's debut as director, screenwriter and producer reeks of amateurishness. The script proves serviceable at best while the camera work shouts standard, with a few pointless aerial shots thrown in for good measure. Funny at times, but contrived throughout, *A Thin Line Between Love and Hate* toes the thin line between mediocre and bad.

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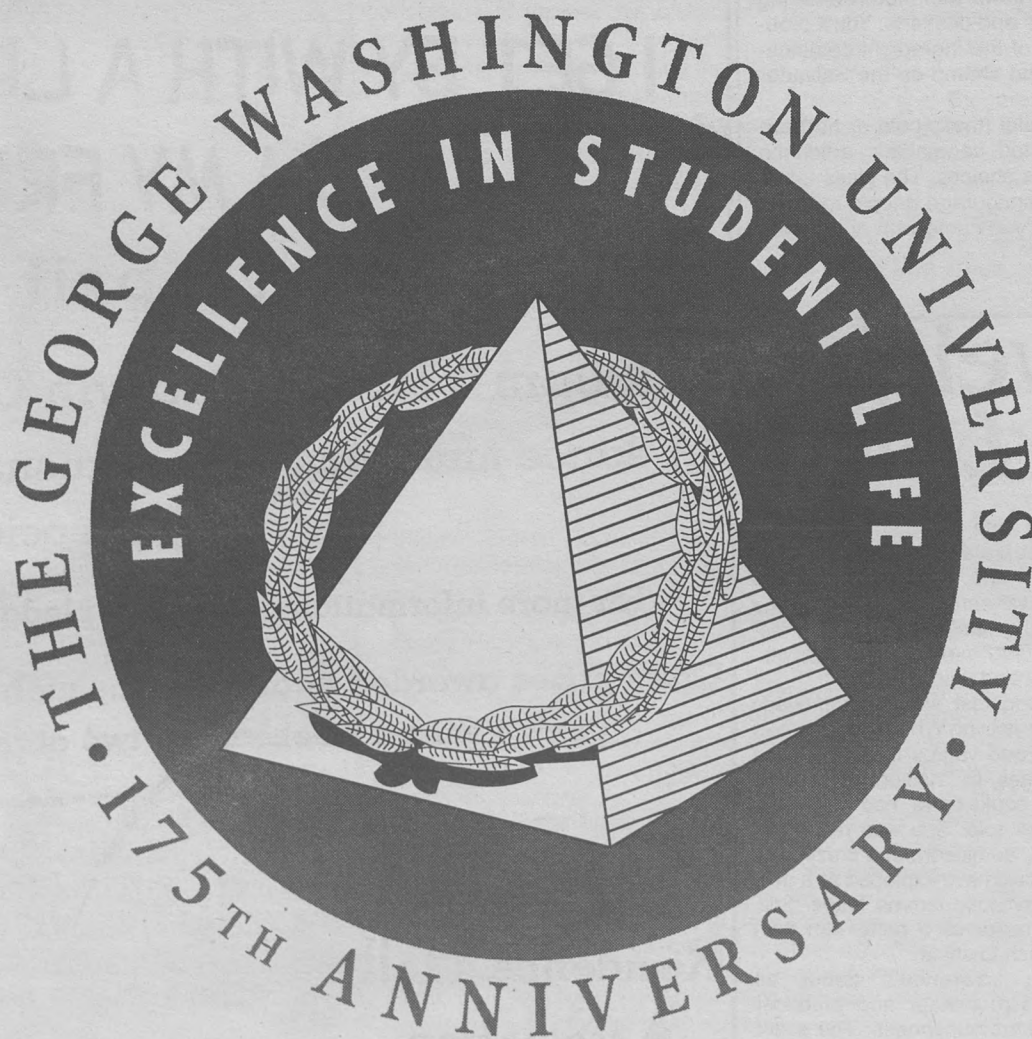
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Jacobs uncontested to take helm of RHA

BY ANNE M. GLENZER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

"It's usually not this easy," junior Ronald Jacobs said of his recent uncontested election as Residence Hall Association president. Only two of the six RHA offices were contested in last week's elections.

Jacobs, who has been involved in RHA for two years, said his main goal is to increase RHA's presence on campus. As the third largest student organization, RHA receives nearly \$30,000 annually to facilitate and sponsor events for students living in campus housing.

"We want to make living on campus the best situation it can possibly be," Jacobs said. To increase communication, Jacobs said he plans to initiate an RHA newsletter to all residents, work more closely with individual hall councils and continue successful programs such as Superdance, which raises money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and Martha's Marathon, which raises money for housing scholarships.

Policy issues such as the room

selection process and dining services concerns could have used more attention this year, RHA President Shana Greatman said.

Student concerns voiced to the RHA this year such as inferior residence hall computer labs are still being reviewed by the University, Greatman said.

Because of the increased number of burglaries in residence halls recently and the ease of entry to most buildings, the RHA will consider tightened security. The RHA president meets weekly with the director of residential life to discuss issues raised by students.

The RHA president is given a free single room in Kennedy Onassis Hall and does not have to compete in the room selection process.

Students elected in contested races in last Thursday's elections include: Rachael Banzhoff for vice president of programming and Randy Bomze for national communications coordinator. Uncontested offices include: Jennifer Ries, vice president for community service; Michelle Finkel, secretary; and Joshua Savage, treasurer.

"We want to make living on campus the best situation it can possibly be."

-Ronald Jacobs, RHA president-elect

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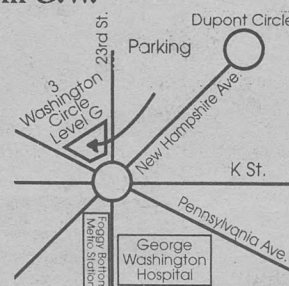
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Miner elected CD president

Plans for increased communication, election-year gains

BY AMY MAIO
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

College Democrats President-elect Doug Miner has big plans for next year, chief among them "emphasizing better communication between the executive board

and general membership."

"The organization is nothing without our members," Miner said, after his election last week.

"That's why we really have to reach out, so there's a two-way line of communication between both groups," Miner added.

Miner plans on achieving this by forming a "newsletter that is going to go out every month to members on campus and off," and including every member on an e-mail list. He also plans on making executive board meetings open to any member interested in attending.

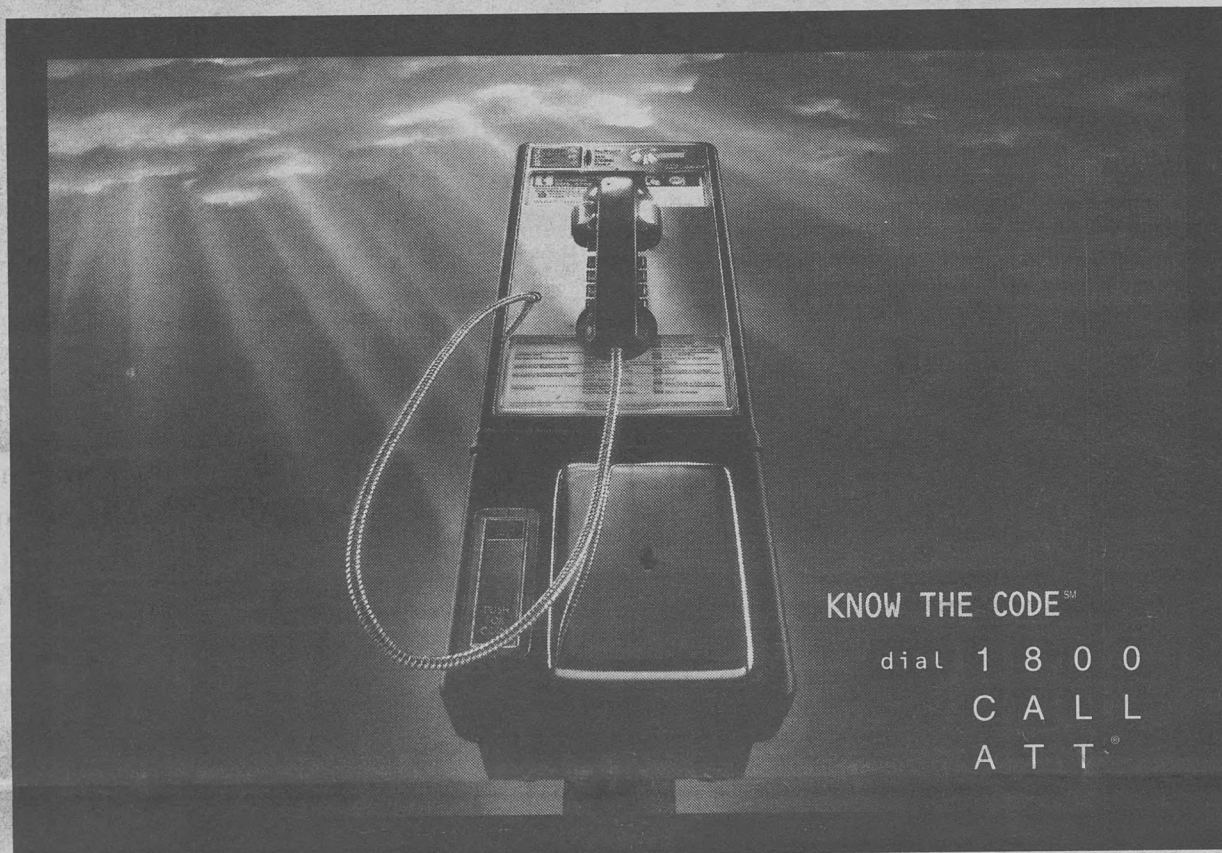
As the CD political affairs chair for the past two years, Miner helped organize last November's internship fair and two voter registration drives. He said the CDs plan to continue these activities in the fall, adding that he also wants the organization to get involved in "pro-active issues, taking a stand on such issues as affirmative action (and) student aid. (We) want to bring speakers ... and have forums about these issues. We want tables around campus informing students about these issues" and the effect they have on their own lives.

With the 1996 presidential election coming up, Miner said he plans to get the CDs involved in the political process. Although the Clinton/Gore campaign is not in full gear, Miner said some CD members are "involved in the Maryland races." The major work, however, will take place when the fall semester begins.

"Next semester is when we can start doing field work, going door-to-door," Miner explained. "Since D.C. is such a Democratic stronghold," the CDs' goal is to get as many residents registered to vote as possible. He also wants to get speakers from the campaign to campus and send CD members to different states to help campaign.

Miner said the CDs already have one event planned for next semester, which will take place Nov. 5.

"After we keep the Presidency, after we take back the House and after we make gains in the Senate, we're going to have an election night party," he said.



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DSC talks pizza, diner, J St.

BY LEE RUMBARGER
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

A proposal to keep the J Street diner open until 2 a.m. on Thursday and until 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights by pushing back opening times on Saturday and Sunday mornings to 9 a.m. was outlined during Friday's Dining Services Commission meeting.

The suggestions of students and student organizations fueled this recommendation, which better conforms to "student study habits and dining needs," said Jonathan Pompan, director of the Student Association's Dining Services Commission.

Also, the shift will keep the diner open after the Program Board's Thursday night movies and during J Street After Hours, times when students are looking to eat, Pompan said.

Itza Pizza's opening success was also discussed at the meeting. "There has been no negative feedback about the product and delivery has gone fairly smoothly," Pompan said.

Student groups have been able to raise "a considerable amount of money" delivering the pizzas, Pompan explained, adding that "the best part is that students now have choice."

Pompan said future plans include expanding Itza Pizza's hours to include lunch time, allowing students to pay with cash – not just with meal plans, discounting pizza for student groups to eat while meeting in the Mitchell Courtyard Cafe and offering new menu items.

In addition, the housekeeping at J Street was discussed. "Two years of wear and tear needs to be looked at," Pompan said.

Crooked pictures, wobbly tables, burnt-out lights and cracked "sneeze guards" – the plastic protectors between customers in line and the food – were addressed.

"The University's living room needs to be well-maintained," Pompan said.

Pompan also pointed out that there are "substantially more" Passover items available in the MC Store, at J Street and in Thurston Hall this year.

Students learn from potential neighbors

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people in Foggy Bottom will agree with me."

To find assistance in locating off-campus residences, Gempler suggested that students look in The Washington Post and City Paper, or stop by the Off-Campus Resource Center on the ground floor of the Marvin Center, where a housing database is updated regularly.

Suggestions voiced for being a good neighbor included keeping the noise level down and cleaning your apartment regularly, since the cockroaches that may nest in one apartment often frequent neighbors' as well. Students are encouraged to attend meetings with the Foggy Bottom Association, the West End Association and the ANC-2A to hear first-hand what the community wants.

Johnson warned that living off campus can involve some risks for students. "Be aware there are some problems in the city that you will find living off campus," he said.

Mark Levine, from the Dean of Students office, reminded students, "Just because you are moving off campus, it does not mean that you are exempt of GW's code of conduct."

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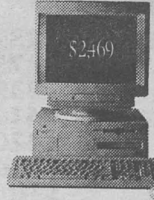


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Recipients spearhead success at GW

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things as concerts, poster books and art exhibits with the help of faculty, students, staff and alumni. Speron is also a graduate and undergraduate alumnus of the University.

"It's great to be recognized; I am totally flattered," Speron said. "It has been great fun being a student and working at the University. (GW) is a place with energy and enthusiasm. I'm glad I was able to add to life on campus and vitality at the University."

Speron is also the executive associate for

University Special Events and said he will continue working at the University under this title after the 175th anniversary is over.

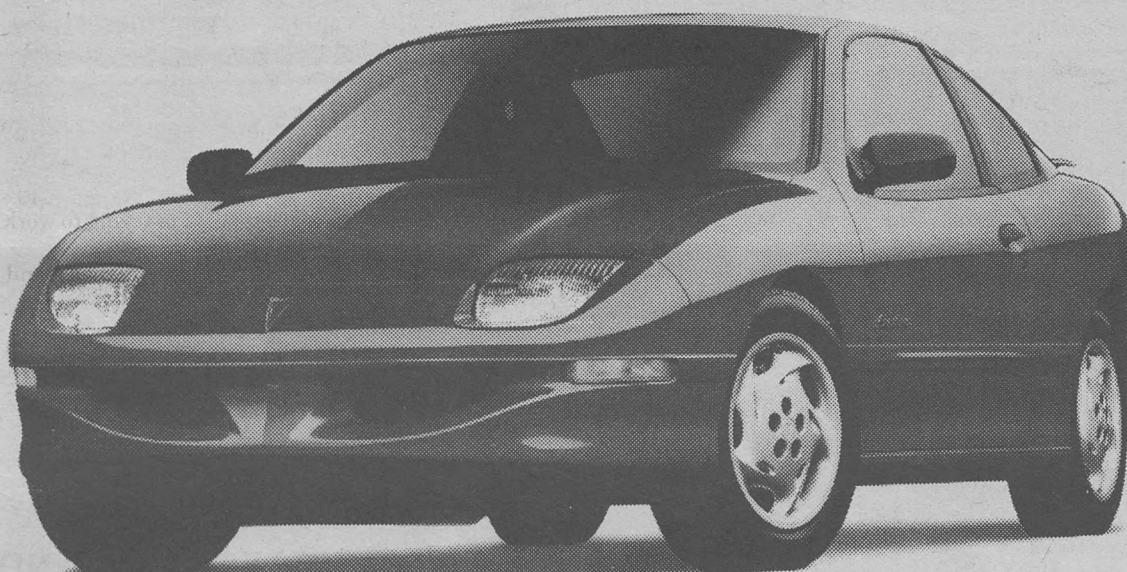
Mike Freedman, director of University Relations, said, "(Speron) has worked harder than anyone I know to make the 175th anniversary a success."

Stoner was unavailable for comment. Fred Siegel, executive director for enrollment management, nominated Stoner and said, "(Stoner) serves as a model to GW staff, to all of us. We are thrilled and we don't think there could've been a better choice."

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SPORTS

Musings from a fanatic

Barcroft Park: The game is worth the trek

If you're like me, Colonial basketball season ended much too quickly for you. After two months of standing in line outside the Smith Center to get seats and losing my voice from yelling so loud, I wasn't quite ready for the season to end out in Arizona the first night of spring break.

Fortunately, other Colonial sports are in action this spring; specifically, the baseball team has started conference play and there's nothing like a ball game on a warm spring afternoon.

Unfortunately, GW's home field is rather hard to get to from campus.

I'll describe Barcroft Park for you, since you've probably never been there. To begin with, it's not Metro accessible. If you have a car, it's a 15-minute drive from campus. Once you get to the field, memories of little league will come rushing back.

Hollowed-out dugouts edge the field, while brick apartment complexes and a small wooded area remind you that you are in the heart of Virginia suburbia. Dark green netting lines the outfield fence, separating the field from huge piles of dirt. Just beyond Field 4 are tennis courts and other fields where youth leagues play alongside our Colonials.

Two sets of 10-row bleachers are on each side of the field. This weekend, they were mostly filled with parents of the players who made the drive down from New York or flew in from Massachusetts for the games. A scattering of GW athletes from the soccer and basketball teams rounded out the cheering section.

It rained Friday, so Saturday the field was in lousy condition. The game was pushed back two and a half hours while the GW players and coaches grabbed rakes and repaired the muddy infield with Truface Quick Dry. As Dayton practiced, the Colonials played the role of groundskeepers.

I couldn't help but think we would never see Alexander Koul wipe up the Smith Center floor before a basketball game.

After all this fun, I was treated to four terrific games. As the innings went on, the errors became fewer, the pitching got stronger and the hitters got into their grooves. GW looked good.

In two weeks, the Colonials play another home series against Atlantic 10 opponent Xavier. If you have access to a car, I strongly suggest you grab a GW beach towel, some friends and a bottle of sunblock and head on out to Barcroft Park Saturday or Sunday.

And make sure to call me if you have room in your vehicle; I'll need a ride.

—Michelle Von Euw

Clutch hitting leads GW sweep of Dayton Atlantic 10 romp brings GW to 13-15

BY MICHELLE VON EUW
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The Colonial baseball team swept Dayton, its first conference opponent, this weekend, winning all four games at Barcroft Park.

In non-conference action Wednesday, the Colonials soundly defeated Mt. St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Md., 9-4, which followed a 21-3 loss to Towson State Tuesday. While GW holds a 13-15 record overall, the Colonials are undefeated within the Atlantic 10 West at 4-0.

"They're really getting themselves straightened out," head coach Jay Murphy said of the team. "I'm really proud of them — they competed and they showed a lot of heart."

The Colonials won three of the four Dayton games in dramatic fashion. In Saturday's second game, an error by the third baseman allowed GW to break a 2-2 tie in its last at-bat. On Sunday, the Colonials went into the seventh inning down 3-2, but RBIs by leftfielder Mike Roberts and shortstop Scott Guiliana led to a 4-3 win. In Sunday's second game, Dwayne Crawley's three-run homer put the Colonials ahead after they trailed 4-2 in the fifth; the Colonials eventually won 7-4.

GW 14, Dayton 5 (first game)

GW began the series by blowing out Dayton behind the pitching of Dennis Healy. Eight of GW's nine starters had hits as the offense kicked in for the team.

The Colonials jumped ahead early in the first, grabbing six runs off five hits. Crawley and Guiliana both had doubles and Troy Allen hit a homerun, his first of two in the game. Jimmy Francis also had a homer in the first inning, putting the score at 6-0.

The team added to its lead in the third, scoring three more runs off three singles and a Grady Raskin double. Allen hit his second homerun in the fifth, a three-run shot that followed a series of singles, a double and an error, making the score 14-2.

Meanwhile, Healy shut down Dayton's offense, allowing only five hits in six innings. At the top of the seventh, Dayton staged a rally, but only managed three more runs off Healy before reliever Tom Baginski came in to close out the game.

GW 3, Dayton 2 (second game)

Saturday's second game was highlighted by righty David Kloes, who came within one inning of pitching a no-hitter. Kloes struck out eight Flyers in six innings, while offensively the team scored two runs in the first. With two men on and one out, Cassidy Smith and Chris Matarese both had RBI singles.

The Colonials carried a 2-0 lead into the seventh, when Dayton got its first two hits. With the bases loaded and one out, Kloes was relieved by Eric Rappa, who gave up two runs off one hit before getting out of the inning.

With the game tied, Guiliana and Crawley walked in the bottom of the seventh and a two-out error allowed the shortstop to score.

GW 4, Dayton 3 (third game)

On Sunday, the Colonials got their first run in the fourth when Crawley smacked a single, stole second and scored off a Matarese hit.

Lefthanded pitcher David Burke, who recently returned from shoulder surgery, gave up only one hit and struck out seven over his first four innings. In the fifth, however, he walked the first two batters before getting the next two batters to strike out and fly to center, respectively. A close play on a throw first allowed Dayton to load the bases.

Bob Felty came in to pitch for the Colonials and gave up a two-run single to put the Flyers ahead, 2-1.

The Colonials came back to tie it in the sixth with an Allen double that drove in Crawley, who had walked. Dayton got another run in the seventh off Felty before Rappa came in to strike out one batter and end the inning. GW went into the bottom of the seventh down by a run.

With one out, Chris Martine was hit by a pitch and Francis walked. A two-out double by Roberts tied the game and a single by Guiliana put the Colonials ahead, 4-3, in the game's final at-bat. Rappa got his second win of the weekend in as many appearances.

GW 7, Dayton 4 (fourth game)

Right-handed pitcher Matt Williams started the fourth game for GW and was touched up for a run in the third and fourth innings. In the fifth, the Flyers did most of their damage with two outs, scoring two more runs to put them ahead, 4-1. Williams escaped the inning when a Dayton baserunner ran into the ball, which counts as an automatic out.

In its half of the fifth, GW's offense battled back with six runs off six hits to take a 7-4 lead. Matarese and Roberts both had RBI doubles, Raskin and Francis had singles and Crawley had a three-run homer that put the Colonials ahead for good.

Crawley said he has had big hits before, but none "that dramatic. It seemed to lift the team." He added that he was "thinking about it in the back of his mind," but wasn't expecting to hit a home run.

"I was just looking for a good pitch," he said.

Rappa came on in the sixth and pitched two innings to save the game for Williams, who improved his record to 2-4.

"The team was really tired, but they kept reaching down," Murphy said, following the win. "When we were down 4-1, I don't think there was one player on our bench who thought we were going to lose."

Rappa, who was thrust into the role of closer when Chris Aronson hurt his back, said he is adjusting to the position.

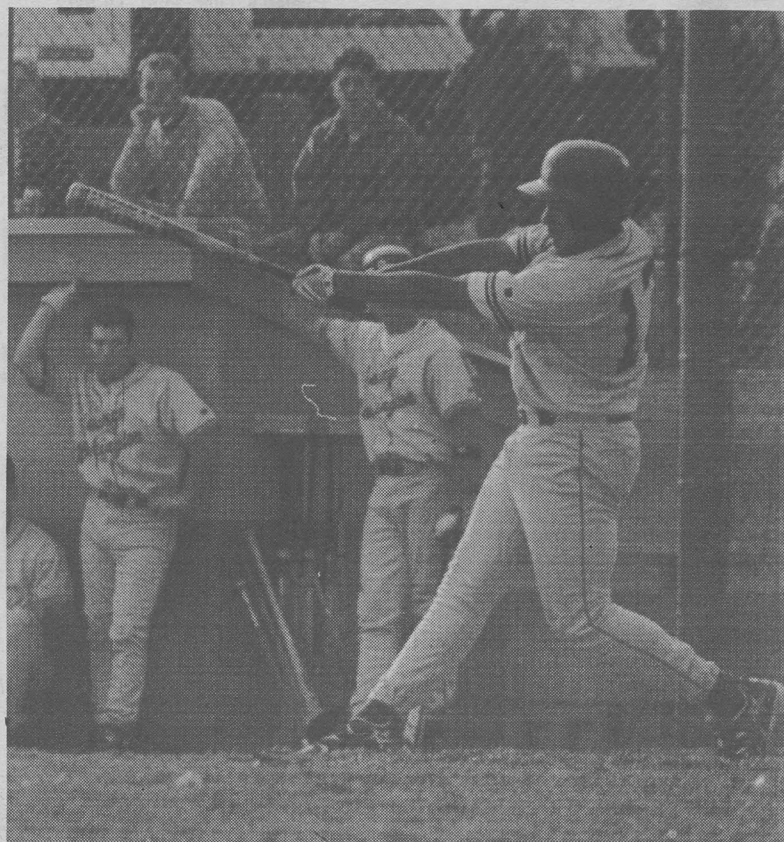


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The Colonials' offense came through when the team needed it, helping GW sweep a four-game series with Dayton.

"You have to be mentally stronger," Rappa said, after picking up two wins and a save over the weekend. "I'm trying to work on my mental toughness."

The Colonials will travel to La Salle next weekend to play four games in Philadelphia. "We want to keep rolling," Crawley said. "Our goal is to win all four."

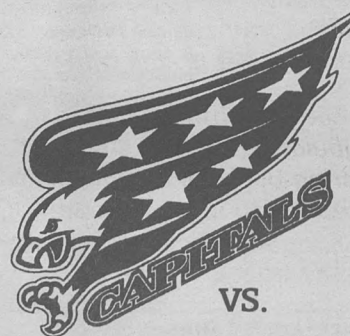
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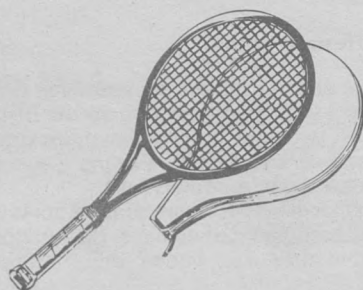
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